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1. FINNISH PRESS COVERAGE ON CSCE TODAY EXTENDED TO SEVERAL PAGES IN MOST NEWSPAPERS AS THEY PUBLISHED SUMMARIES OF THE OPENING DAY SPEECHES. PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING WITH GENERAL SECRETARY RECEIVED THE HEAVIEST PLAY AMONG BILATERAL MEETINGS. EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS LESS HEAVY THAN ON WEDNESDAY. POST NOTES EXTRAORDINARY IN FORD FAMILY AND U.S. DELEGATION GENERALLY BY FINNISH MEDIA, PUBLIC AND OTHER OBSERVERS OF CSCE.

2. CSCE PRESS COVERAGE. BANNERLINES ON THE OPENING OF THE CSCE DOMINATED HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING AS MOST NEWSPAPERS LED WITH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S OPENING SPEECH. NEWSPAPERS CARRIED SUMMARIES OF YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES IN ADDITION TO HEAVY PICTURE COVERAGE.

FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY EXTENDED ITS NORMAL HALF-HOUR EVENING TELEVISION NEWSCAST TO ONE HOUR.

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3. FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING. THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING WEDNESDAY MORNING RECEIVED MOST PLAY IN THE FINNISH PRESS COVERAGE ON BILATERAL MEETINGS. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT HAD A FIVE-COLUMN REPORT AND PICTURE OF BOTH LEADERS UNDER A HEADLINE: "FORD AND BREZHNEV HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE TALK ON SALT." OTHER HEADLINES: "SMALL PROGRESS IN SALT PROBLEMS" (CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI), "FORD-BREZHNEV: AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS?" (SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET), "FORD AND BREZHNEV MAKE PROGRESS IN REMOVING OBSTACLES TO SALT" (CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA), "MEETINGS ADD TO THE ATMOSPHERE" (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI) AND "BREZHNEV'S AND FORD'S DISCUSSION FOR TWO AND HALF HOURS" (COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET). FBC'S MAIN 9 P.M. TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM INCLUDED BREZHNEV'S AND FORD'S REMARKS TO NEWSMEN AFTER THE MEETING.

4. KISSINGER PRESS CONFERENCE. HELSINGIN SANOMAT AND UUSI SUOMI INCORPORATED REPORTS OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN THEIR REPORT ON FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING WHILE SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET CARRIED A TWO-COLUMN STORY HEADLINED: "KISSINGER: FUTURE WILL SHOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CSCE". SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEMARI HAD A TWO-COLUMN FRONT-PAGE STORY UNDER A HEADLINE: "USA HOPES RESULTS IN TROOP REDUCTIONS AFTER CSCE."

5. FORD-WILSON MEETING. MOST HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS INCLUDED COVERAGE OF THE MEETING OF PRESIDENT FORD AND PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON IN THEIR GENERAL REPORTS ON BILATERAL MEETINGS. EXCEPTION IN PICTORIAL COVERAGE: CONSERVATIVE UUSI SUOMI WHICH HAD A FIVE-COLUMN FRONT-PAGE PICTURE OF PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN BEING GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. A TV FILM CLIP OF THE MEETING WAS INCLUDED IN THE MAIN TV NEWS PROGRAM.

6. KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH PALME. SWEDEN'S PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HELD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF GENERAL NATURE AT THE FINLANDIA HALL WEDNESDAY,
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SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET REPORTED. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN KISSINGER'S INITIATIVE, THE PAPER SAID. THE TOPICS INCLUDED THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND AFRICA AND U.N. RELATED MATTERS, PALME TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE TALKS.

7. KEKKONEN'S DINNER. GENERAL SECRETARY

LEONID BREZHNEV LEFT THE DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN BEFORE THE DINNER WAS OVER, OR AT 8.50 P.M., WHILE OTHER GUESTS STAYED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. THE SOVIET EMBASSY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT BREZHNEV IS NOT ILL, HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED.

PRESS COVERAGE OF THE DINNER INCLUDED TV COVERAGE - PART OF IT LIVE-AND PICTORAIL COVERAGE IN NEWSPAPERS WITH HELSINGIN SANOMAT CARRYING A FOUR-COLUMN PICTURE OF PRESIDENT FORD IN CONVERSATION WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS.

8. DEMONSTRATION SURPRISES POLICE. A GROUP OF TEN WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES SURPRISED FINNISH POLICE AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S SECURITY MEN IN KAIVOPUISTO WEDNESDAY MORNING, HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS REPORTED.

THE WOMEN, WHO CAME FROM WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, PROTESTED AGAINST THE TREATMENT OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION. AFTER AN INTIAL CONFUSION, THE WOMEN WERE TAKEN TO THE POLICE STATION BUT WERE RELEASED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

THE FINNISH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SAID THAT IT WAS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS NOT BACKED BY ANY ORGANIZATION. THE WOMEN WERE TAKEN TO THE POLICE STATION FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS AS THEY HAD NOT NOTIFIED THE POLICE IN ADVANCE.

9. EEC TO MEDIATE INCYPRUS CRISIS. THE LEADERS OF THE NINE EEC COUNTRIES YESTERDAY DECIDED TO PROPOSE A JOINT MEDIATION ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE THE CYPRUS SITUATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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HELSINGIN SANOMAT REPORTED.

THE EEC LEADERS AUTHORIZED PRIME MINISTER ALDO MORO OF ITALY TO FEEL OUT POSSIBILITIES TO GET THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TURKEY, GREECE AND BOTH COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS AROUND THE SAME NEGOTIATING TABLE.

10. LADIES PROGRAM. HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS CARRIED REPORTS OF A DINNER HOSTED BY MRS. KEIJO LIINAMAA FOR THE PARTICIPATING LADIES. THE ARRIVAL OF MRS. FORD WAS SHOWN IN THE FBC'S MAIN NEWS PROGRAM WEDNESDAY EVEING. OTHER PRESS COVERAGE ON MRS. FORD INCLUDED A PICTURE OF MRS. FORD AT THE HELSINKI MARKET PLACE IN UUSI SUOMI AND A REPORT ON HER SHOPPING EXPEDITION IN HELSINGIN SANOMAT

11. WITE HOUSE PRES CENTER. HELSINGIN SANOMAT
DESCRIBED IN THE FETURE REPORT ON THE CSCE THE OPERATION
OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CENTER AT HOTEL VAAKUNA AND
PUBLISHED SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON PRESS SECRETARY
RON NESSEN, INCLUDING A PICTURE OF HIM.

12. EDITORIAL COMMENT: SWEDISH-LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET
REVEIWED WEDNESDAY'S SPEECHES IN ITS EDITORIAL WHILE
COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET WARNED ABOUT MISLEAING
INFORMATION: "SOME FINNISH MEDIA HAVE TOLD, ON THE
VERY EVE OF THE CSCE III, ABOUT THE STATEMENT
BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS HAD
TO ACCEPT MANY AMERICAN DEMANDS BECAUSE OF THE CSCE.
HOWEVER, NOT A WORD HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THE FACT THAT
ALS THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.
THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CSCE, ITS DATE, FINAL ACT ETC.
ALL RESULT FROM COMPROMISES." CONSERVATIVE UUSI
SUOMI NOTED IN AN EDITORIAL: "THE REAL WEIGHT OF THE
CSCE WILL BE JUDGED IN FUTURE TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE
RESULTS OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES DISCUSSIONS. IN THEM,
ONE CAN MAKE AND OFTEN MAKES SUCCESSFUL PRACTICAL WORK
FOR INTERNATIONAL DETENT."

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